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There were, therefore, at 4 o'clock p. m. this day, 5 cases of smallpox in this District, all confined in the smallpox hospital.

Respectfully,

WM. C. WOODWARD, M. D.,
Health Officer.

Smallpox in Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 18, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to state that since my last letter, dated June 11, 1900, relative to the smallpox situation, 8 new cases have been reported. There are, therefore, to day in this District 13 cases of smallpox, all confined to the smallpox hospital.

Respectfully,

WM. C. WOODWARD, M. D.,
Health Officer.

FLORIDA.

Inspection of smuggling smacks off Anclote Key, Fla.

U. S. S. W. D. BRATTON,
Port Tampa, Fla., June 11, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report of the cruise of the Marine-Hospital Service quarantine steamer *Bratton* for the period extending from June 5 to 11, inclusive:

The *Bratton* left Port Tampa on the morning of the 5th instant and headed for Anclote, arriving there at 3.30 p. m. of the same day, and anchored in the harbor. At that time no smacks were in sight and only one or two small coasters were in the harbor.

At daybreak on the 6th a smack was sighted heading for entrance of harbor, but as soon as it became light enough for him to recognize the *Bratton* he went about and headed for sea, at the same time hoisting the United States flag.

All day of the 7th was uneventful and no smacks were seen and only 1 sponger, the *Iowa*, of Key West, came into the harbor and anchored about 1 mile northwest of the *Bratton*. Although this vessel was anchored in the roadstead, he showed no anchor lights.

On the 8th spongers were coming into the harbor all day, and by nightfall between 40 and 50 were at anchor about 1 mile inshore from the *Bratton*.

On the morning of the 9th smacks began coming in and anchored about 2½ miles offshore, and at 2 p. m. there were 8 of them anchored close together. At 2.30 p. m. a small sloop was seen communicating with smacks, but before we could get underway he escaped and was soon lost to sight in the heavy rain squalls which were occurring every few minutes. At 4 p. m. quite a heavy gale was blowing and heavy sea prevented boarding and work was abandoned for the day, the *Bratton* anchoring between the smacks and the sponge fleet.

On the morning of the 10th we got underway at 4.30 a. m. in a heavy rain storm and went out to the smacks and attempted to board and inspect. The *Regla* was boarded by myself and Inspector Browder and was found to have certificate of disinfection dated June 1, and her crew of 6 men were well. She was found with a considerable quantity of aguardiente aboard, but as they claimed stress of weather no seizure was made. We then boarded the *Antonio Barba*, and he also was found to have certificate of disinfection, dated May 28. The weather became so bad that I was compelled to discontinue my work on account of the